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Applicant(s): Stoltze et al

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Docket: 760-46 CIP/PCT/USA/CON 2

For: CATHETER WITH A STENT AND
METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION
OF A CATHETER WITH STENT

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Sir:

In order to fulfill the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant hereby submits the following Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98. It is understood that the information provided herein is solely for the purpose of fulfilling Applicant's obligations under the law and should not be construed as nor is it intended to be an admission of prior art.

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I. U.S. PATENTS

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4,878,906 to Lindemann et al.	Endoprosthesis For Repairing a Damaged Vessel	November 7, 1989
4,913,701 to Tower	Balloon Catheter and Method of Manufacturing the Same	April 3, 1990
5,026,377 to Hurton et al.	Stent Placement Instrument and Method	June 25, 1991
5,100,429 to Sinofsky et al.	Endovascular Stent and Delivery System	March 31, 1992
5,195,984 to Schatz	Expandable Intraluminal Graft	March 23, 1993
5,201,901 to Harada et al.	Expansion Unit and Apparatus For Expanding Tubular Organ Lumen	April 13, 1993
5,290,306 to Trotta et al.	Puncture Resistant Balloon Catheter	March 1, 1994
5,292,321 to Lee	Thermal Balloon Angioplasty With Thermoplastic Stent	March 8, 1994
5,484,449 to Amundson et al.	Temporary Support For a Body Lumen and Method	January 16, 1996
5,505,699 to Forman et al.	Angioplasty Device	April 9, 1996
5,569,295 to Lam	Expandable Stents and Method For Making Same	October 29, 1996
5,603,721 to Lam et al.	Expandable Stents and Method For Making Same	February 18, 1997
6,077,273 to Euteneuer et al.	Catheter Support For Stent Delivery	June 20, 2000

II. FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

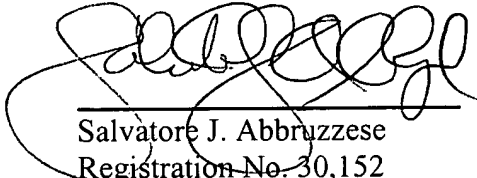
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Copies of each of the references have been previously cited in related application, U.S. Serial No. 09/711,034, filed November 13, 2000. Accordingly, the Examiner is invited to refer to such prior application for copies of each of the references. Copies of references not previously cited are submitted herewith

All of the references listed above are also listed on Applicant's Substitute Form PTO-1449 which is attached to this Information Disclosure Statement for the convenience of the Examiner.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments with regard to this Information Disclosure Statement, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,



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